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Press Release

Supervisor Glover sponsors grant-writing workshop

WHAT: Free Grant-writing Workshop

WHERE: Los Medanos College, 2700 East Leland Road, Pittsburg, CA

WHEN: Feb. 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHO: Sponsored by Supervisor Federal Glover

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION: 925-427-8138

(Feb. 6, 2009) As the economy remains uncertain, traditional funding sources for the operation of nonprofit community-based organizations continues to be scarce.

"It is at a time like this when the economy is floundering that we need the services offered by the nonprofit sector," said Supervisor Federal Glover, who represents District V in Contra Costa County. "As the need grows for assistance for housing, medical food, the funding sources are getting harder to find."

At a Feb. 2 hearing entitled "The State of the Safety Net" held at Los Medanos College and organized by the supervisor, Glover heard the dire statistics of growing unemployment, homelessness and the lack of nutrition. Testimony revealed that the agencies are seeing a lot of first-time applications for aid from the newly poor from the low-income and middle-class categories.

This is the third grant-writing workshop sponsored by the supervisor to enable the service agencies to find funding sources and not to solely rely on government for financial support.

"Usually, the information in these workshops cost hundreds of dollars," said Glover.

The safety net hearing and this grant-writing workshop is part of a series of forums and seminars in the supervisor's "Building Community" initiative, which seeks to increase citizen participation in community decision-making.